SLIP SLIDIN' AWAY

By PAUL SIMON

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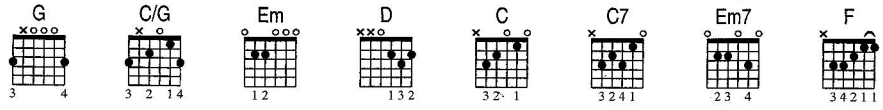
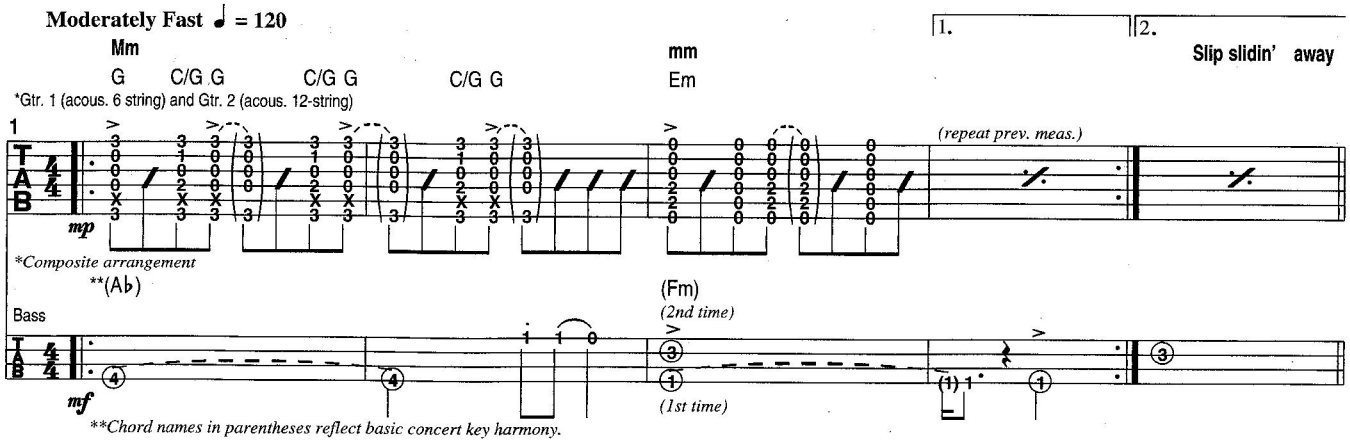
All guitars w/capo at first fret.
All chord shapes and tablature positions are relative to the capo.
All guitar notes and chords sound one half step higher than written (key of A♭).



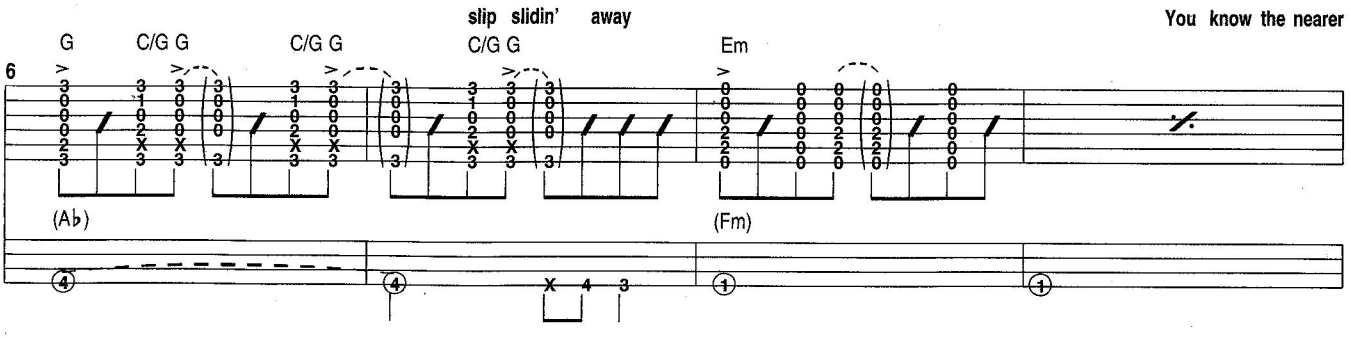
A Intro (0:00)

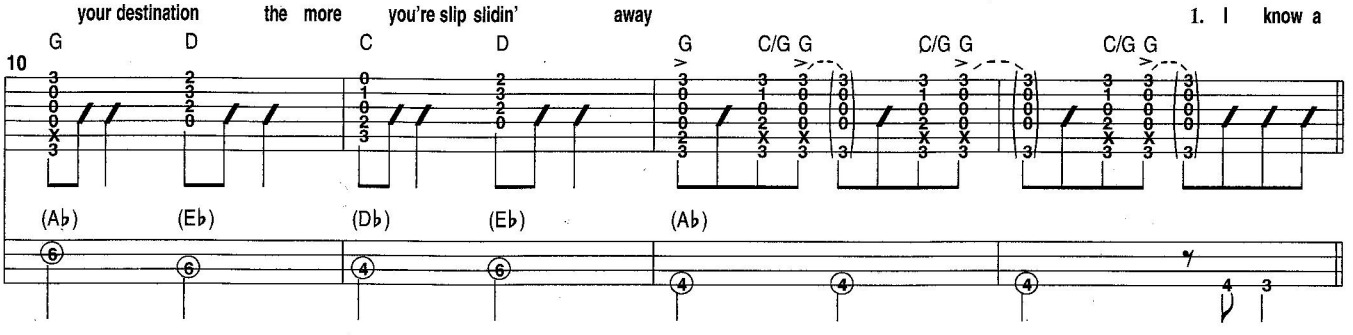
Moderately Fast ♩ = 120



**Chord names in parentheses reflect basic concert key harmony.

B Chorus (0:16)





As heard on Paul Simon's Columbia recording GREATEST HITS, ETC.

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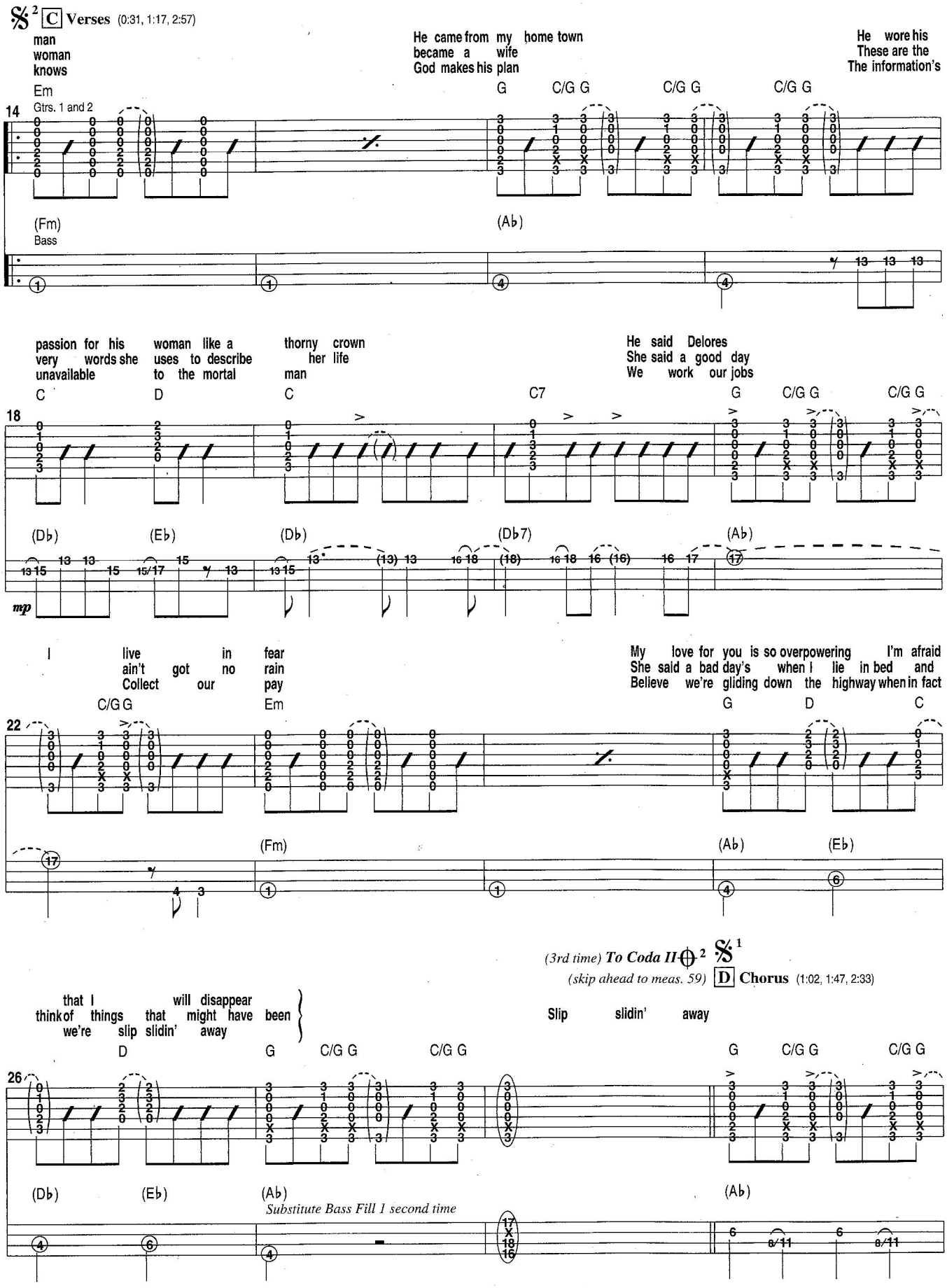
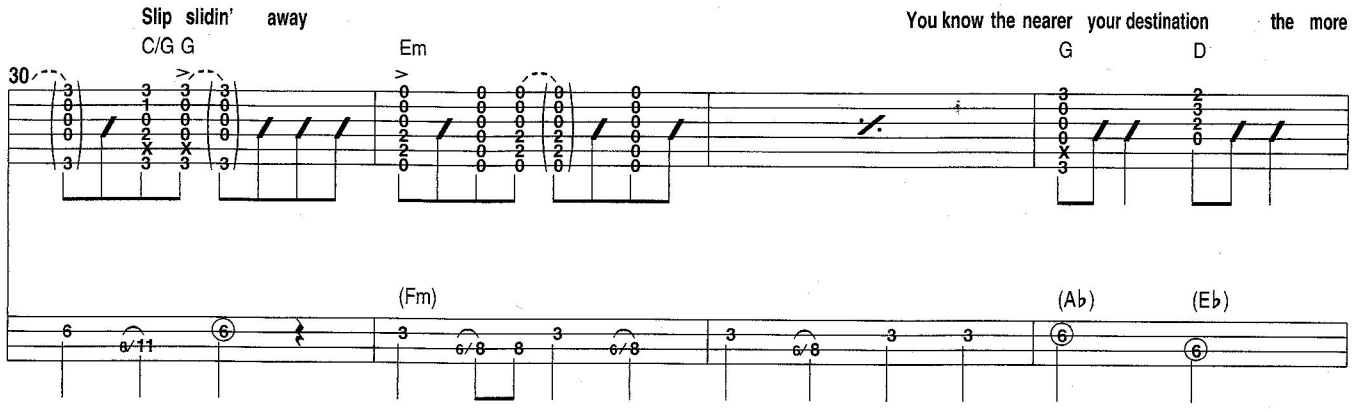
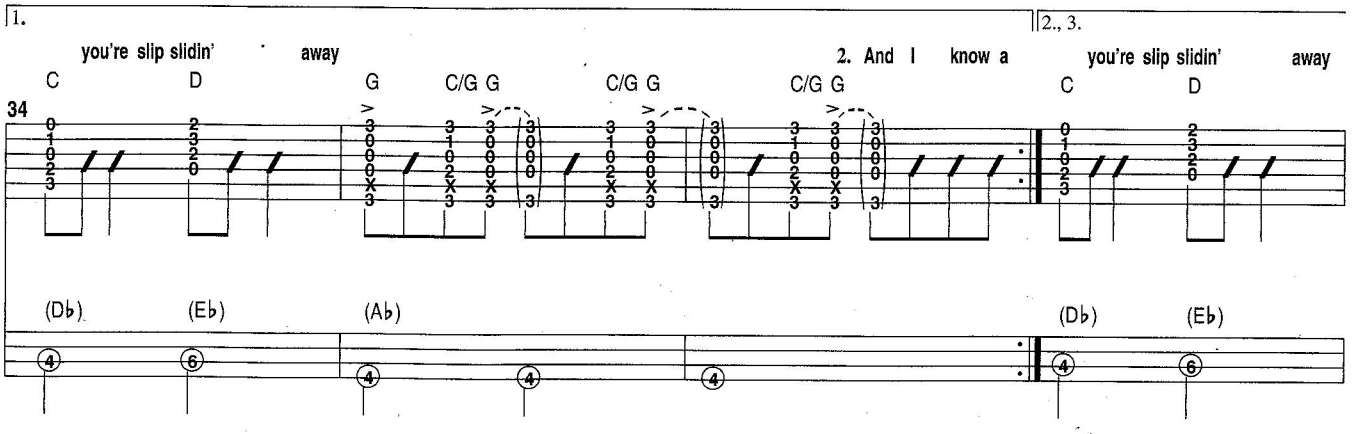
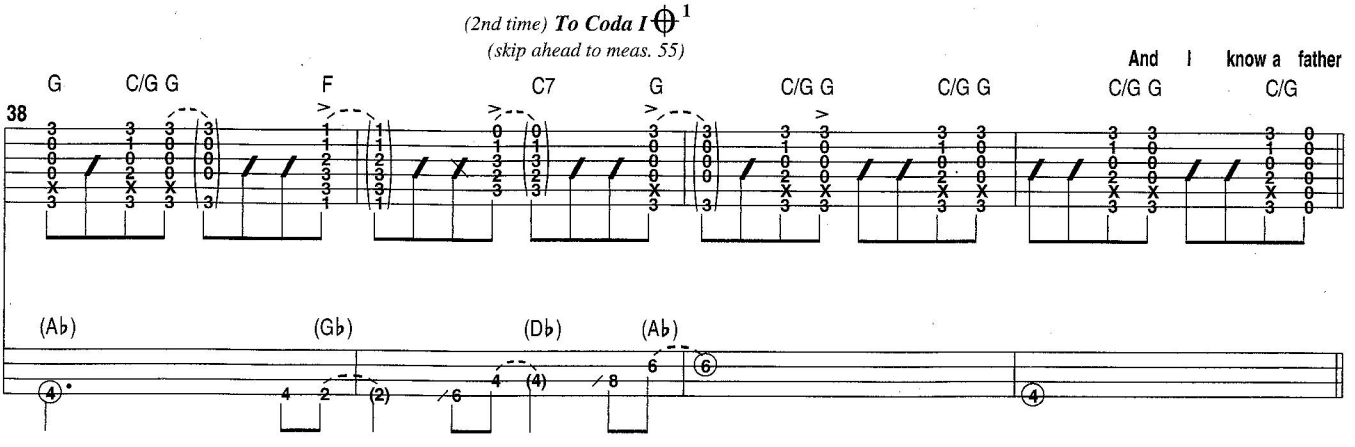
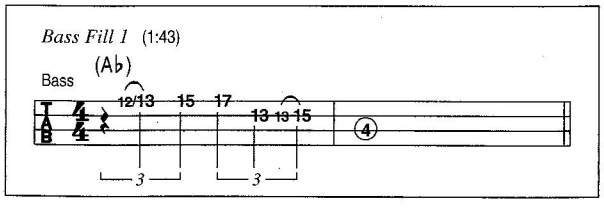

𝄋² C Verses (0:31, 1:17, 2:57)
man
woman
knows
He came from my home town
became a wife
God makes his plan
He wore his
These are the
The information's
Em
G C/G G C/G G C/G G
14
Gtrs. 1 and 2
(Fm)
(Ab)
Bass
passion for his very words she unavailable
woman like a uses to describe to the mortal
thorny crown her life man
He said Delores
She said a good day
We work our jobs
C D C C7 G C/G G C/G G
18
(Db) (Eb) (Db) (Db7) (Ab)
mp
I live in fear
ain't got no rain
Collect our pay
My love for you is so overpowering I'm afraid
She said a bad day's when I lie in bed and
Believe we're gliding down the highway when in fact
C/G G Em G D C
22
(Fm) (Ab) (Eb)
(3rd time) To Coda II 𝄋¹
(skip ahead to meas. 59) D Chorus (1:02, 1:47, 2:33)
that I will disappear
think of things that might have been
we're slip slidin' away
Slip slidin' away
D G C/G G C/G G G C/G G C/G G
26
(Db) (Eb) (Ab) (Ab)
Substitute Bass Fill 1 second time


Slip slidin' away
You know the nearer your destination the more
C/G G
Em
G
D
30
(Fm)
(Ab)
(Eb)

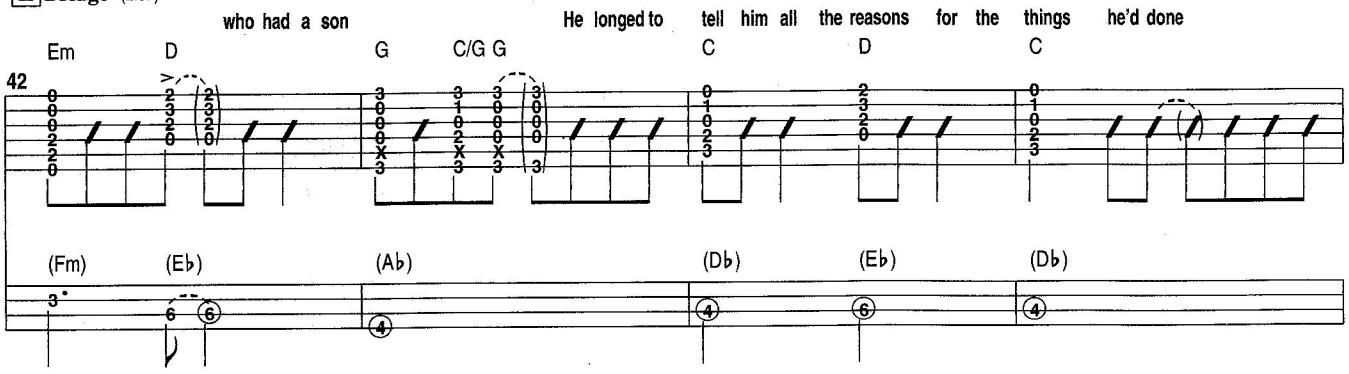

1.
2., 3.
you're slip slidin' away
2. And I know a you're slip slidin' away
C
D
G
C/G G
C/G G
C/G G
C
D
34
(Db)
(Eb)
(Ab)
(Db)
(Eb)


(2nd time) To Coda 1
(skip ahead to meas. 55)
And I know a father
G
C/G G
F
C7
G
C/G G
C/G G
C/G G
C/G
38
(Ab)
(Gb)
(Db)
(Ab)

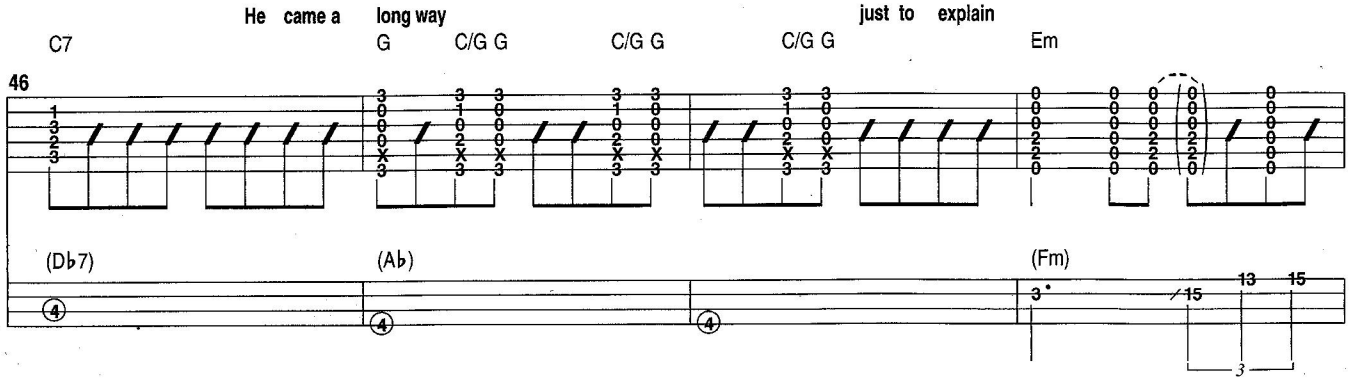

Bass Fill 1 (1:43)
(Ab)
Bass
12/13
15
17
13 13 15
3
3

E Bridge (2:07)

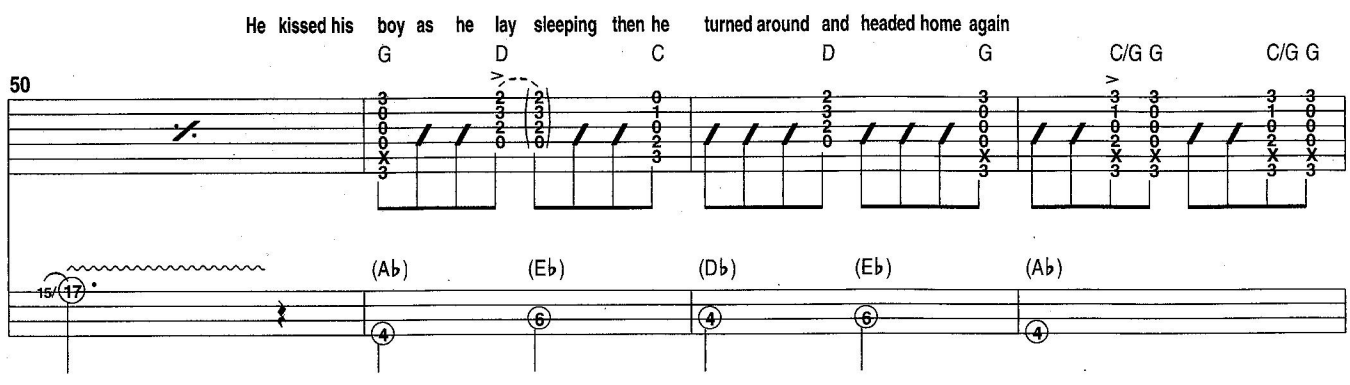
who had a son — He longed to tell him all the reasons for the things he'd done



He came a long way — just to explain



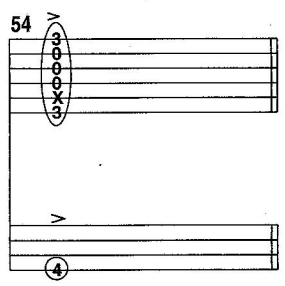
He kissed his boy as he lay sleeping then he turned around and headed home again



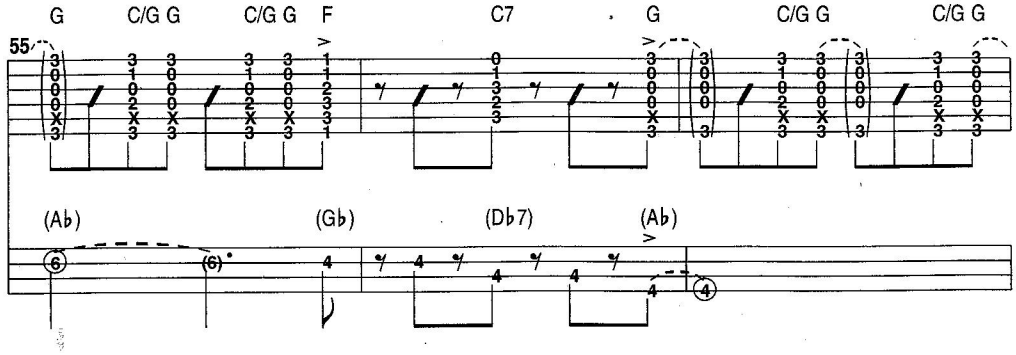
D.S.I 𝄋 al Coda I ⊕

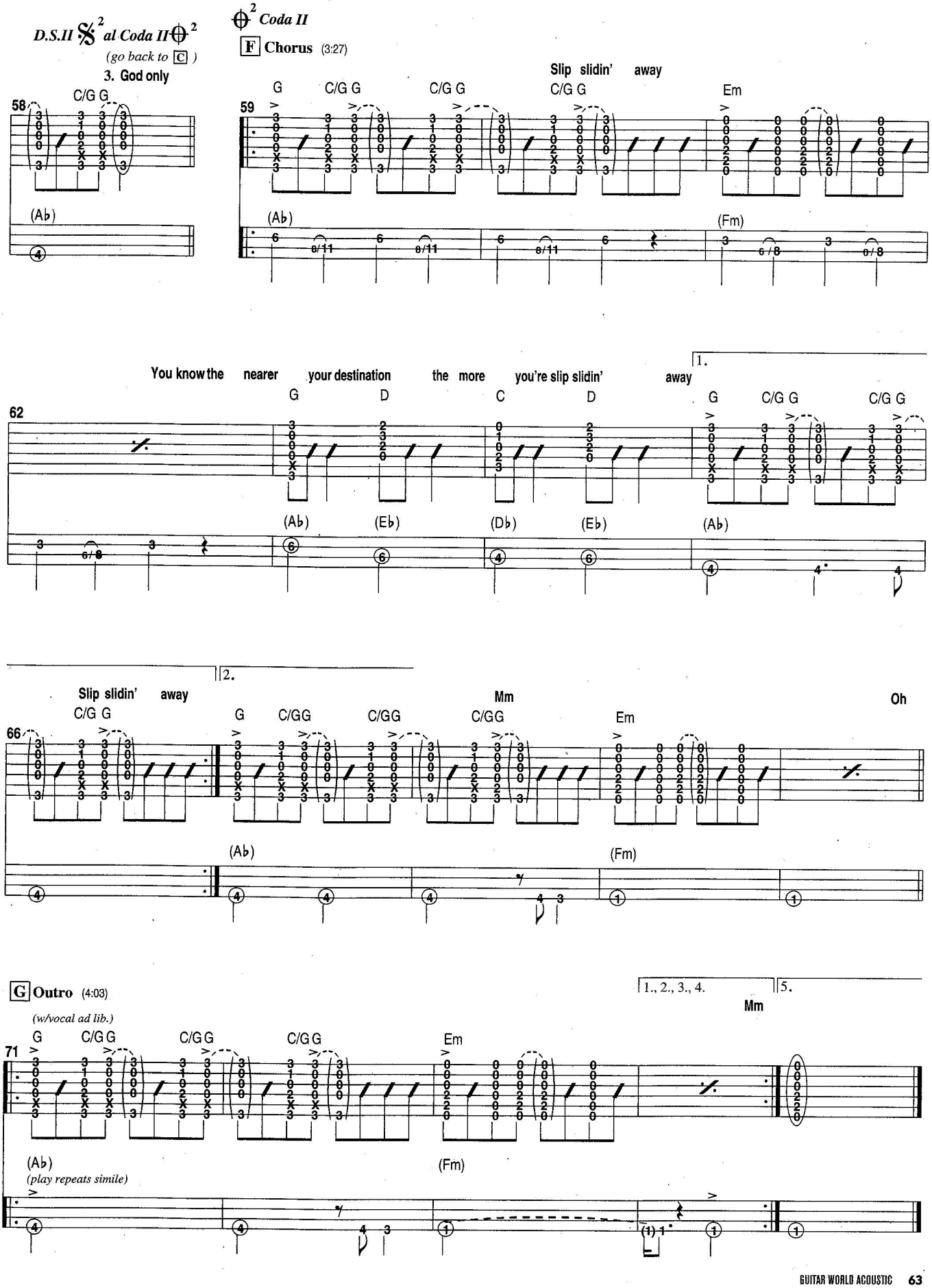
(go back to D)

He's slip slidin'



⊕ *Coda I* (2:49)




D.S.II 𝄋 2 al Coda II ⊕ 2
(go back to C)
3. God only
⊕ 2 Coda II
F Chorus (3:27)
Slip slidin' away
You know the nearer your destination the more you're slip slidin' away
1.
2.
Slip slidin' away
Mm
Oh
G Outro (4:03)
(w/vocal ad lib.)
1., 2., 3., 4.
5.
Mm
(play repeats simile)